

SENATE BILL 2485
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-110; Section 2-19-107; Section 2-19-120; Section 2-3-109; Section 2-5-101; Section 2-5-211; Section 2-5-216; Section 2-6-202; Section 2-6-601; Section 2-7-118 and Section 7-86-127, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-110, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (3):

(3) Notices which require the same time frame for publication may be combined for publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-109(e)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Not later than thirty (30) days prior to any election," and by substituting instead the following language:

Not later than forty-five (45) days before any election,

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-109 (e)(2)(B), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the sentence:

subject to the provisions of 2-2-115(b)(7).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(b)(1), is amended by adding the following sentence after the first sentence:

Nominating petitions for independent presidential candidates shall be signed by the candidate and twenty-five (25) or more registered voters for each elector allocated to

the state. Each independent candidate must designate the full number of electors allocated to the state.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-211(b), is amended by adding the following sentence after the last sentence of the subsection:

A sample ballot does not have to be published in a newspaper of general circulation if a sample ballot that complies with this section has been mailed at least five (5) days prior to the beginning of the early voting period to every registered voter.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-216 (a)(2), is amended by deleting the term “administrator of elections” in the second sentence and substituting the words “precinct registrar” instead.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-202(d), is amended by adding the following new appropriately designated subdivision:

() An administrator of elections shall not provide the names of those persons who have requested, but not returned, absentee ballots until after the election.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-601, is amended by deleting the last sentence in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

The county election commission may begin the voting at the licensed nursing homes twenty-nine (29) days before an election.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-601, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as an appropriately designated new subsection:

(b) Each licensed nursing home, assisted care living facility, home for the aged, or similar licensed institution providing relatively permanent domiciliary care shall provide, upon request from the administrator of elections, a list of all the individuals in

the licensed institution for the limited purpose of voting the registered voter. This list shall include the names and home addresses of each individual if such address is not the same as the licensed facility. The list shall be requested by the administrator of elections no later than forty (40) days prior to election day for each election and shall be provided promptly by the facility.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-118, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) No voter who is voting without assistance may remain in a voting machine booth or occupy a voting compartment for more than five (5) minutes if other voters are waiting or more than ten (10) minutes in any event.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-107(1), is amended by adding the following language after the words “under this title”:

including voting more than once in the same election;.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-120(a), is amended by deleting the words “or measure” after the words “identified candidate” from the first sentence of this subsection.

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-120(b), is amended by deleting the subdivisions (1) and (2) and by redesignating the remaining subdivision as subsection (b).

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-127, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection immediately after existing subsection (c) and relettering the remaining subsections accordingly:

(d) The legislative bodies of all counties and municipalities or their designees shall provide their local county election commissions an updated list of any modifications or changes to all house, road, or street names or numbers every six (6) months.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.